companies to explore for hydrocarbons in India and for the development of some small sized oil fields and a few medium sized oil fields. This was done to accelerate the much needed pace for exploration in the country and for faster development of oil fields using the latest technology wherever applicable.

Development of an Urban Expressway in Delhi

3867. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Government has proposed to develop an urban expressway in the city;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have accorded clearance to the project;

(c) the details of assistance the Central Government propose to give to the Delhi Government for the same; and

(d) by when the proposed project is likely to commence and be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Funds for Greater Hyderabad

3868. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for Greater Hyderabad during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97

(b) the ratio of expenditure to be borne by the Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(c) the number of Municipalities proposed to be covered under the Greater Hyderabad area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The funds allocated for Greater Hyderabad during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities are as follows:

Year	Funds released (Rs. in crores)
1994-95	11.10
1995-96	15.58

The allocation of funds for 1996-97 is not yet decided as certain information from the Mega City Scheme nodal agencies are awaited.

(b) The financing pattern of the Mega City Scheme is 25% Central Share: 25% State Share: 50% institutional finance. Thus the Government of Andhra Pradesh bears 25% of the total project cost.

(c) In addition to Hyderabad City, nine Municipalities under Hyderabad area are proposed for inclusion under the Mega.

Conclusions of the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan

3869. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) The main conclusions contained in the draft document on the mid-term appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan that was internally circulated in the Planning Commission;

(b) whether any changes and adjustments in official measures and policies have been undertaken in response to the draft mid-term appraisal of the Eighth Plan; and

(c) whether it is intended to release to the Public this draft document an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a)